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## Religious Intelligence.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson, Agent of the American Bible Society, states that there are in the State of Alabama six thousand families desirous of the Bible!

The *Church Journal* mentions that Bishop Hopkins of Vermont has published a defense of the action of the House of Bishops in repeatedly refusing to restore Bishop Henry U. Underbank to the office of the Episcopate.

The Vermont State Convention of Universalists will hold its annual session at Shoreham, on the 4th Wednesday and following Thursday in August.

The Richmond, Va., *Christian Advocate* says that there are in Virginia 80,503 Baptists; 12,700 Methodist Protestants; 5,147 Episcopalians; 92,645 Methodist Episcopalians; 12,881 Old School Presbyterians; 2,256 New School Presbyterians, making a total of 252,299. Of the Baptists there are in Eastern Virginia 44,000 colored members.

The foundation stone of the first Ragged Church in London was laid on the 15th ult., deeply interesting religious services. The church is intended for the sole and exclusive use of the lowest class of poor people.

The 11th Annual Conference of Wesleyan Clergy of England (old connection) held its session at Birmingham on the 25th ult.; four hundred delegates were present. The "Wesleyan Extension Fund" has now reached an amount of \$25,000 sterling, one-half of which will be expended in creating schools, the other half in missions.

In 1849 there were in China, connected with the Roman Catholic Church, 84 European missionaries, 135 native priests, 14 parishes and seminaries, 325 churches and chapels, and 350,000 members. Their organization is complete, and extends over the whole country. The number of their missionaries is greater than that of all Protestant denominations, while they also have a large number of priests from among the natives.

A society has been formed in London, to aid in the work of evangelization in Turkey. It is composed of various denominations of Christians, of which Lord Shaftesbury is president. The society do not propose to send missionaries, but to obtain funds to assist missionaries already in the field, especially those sent out by the American Board. Lord Shaftesbury recently stated that the Sultan had given a large sum of money for the relief of the Protestant cemetery at Constantinople; and that he had signified his intention to give a large space of ground for the erection of a Protestant church there. Nearly £7000 has already been collected toward the objects of the society.

Last Sunday, a clergyman, not an hundred miles from Boston, preached in his shirt-sleeves, and apologized by saying that he pursued the more consistent course; and as we endeavored to make ourselves as comfortable as possible took off his coat, and as we sat down to listen he took it off again.

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There is a story in one of the French Americanist who was called upon to perform a ceremony of baptism, when in rather a feverish condition, and asked him if he could give a certificate, "Yes, I can do that," said he, "but it is a very hard card to baptize."

But this people if it had been endowed with a great deal of observation, and suspicion well have recognized, "This is a very bad sign to be baptized by." — *His Master's Minstrels.*

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